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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Swaziland Bureau -- July 1985

I. GENERAL

New Charge -- Charge Charles Lahiguera departed Mbabane 10 July for a new assignment in Washington. His replacement, Gerald Scott, who arrived the beginning of July, paid an orientation visit to the bureau on the 31st. Mr. Scott will be in charge of the mission until the arrival of the ambassador-designate, career officer Harvey Nelson, Jr., expected in August or September.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. On 20 July, Tim Carney, political officer in Pretoria, called to alert the bureau to a press conference by RSA State President Botha. The bureau placed an open watch on all media; and an hour later SAPA carried an embargoed report on the press conference in which the state president announced a state of emergency, giving broad powers to the police and imposing press censorship. The bureau filed the initial SAPA reports and followed up with reporting from all sources on police actions, acts of violence and political opposition to the move, including some from important business groups. The bureau reopened in the evening for five hours to process the television version of Botha's statement, as well as other reportage on the subject.

BBC newsburo praised the bureau's "good, fast handling" of this material. A message was also sent to the bureau from Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, Frank Wisner, and staff conveying "thanks to all the FBIS team in Mbabane for an outstanding job. Your messages are playing a key role in keeping us well informed on the fast pace of events during the current state of emergency. Excellent work; keep them coming."

2. On the 30th, BBC requested priority handling of Zimbabwe Finance Minister, Bernard Chidzero's budget speech. The bureau remained open until 3 a.m. to process the 11-take speech. BBC Part 4 thanked the bureau for a "splendid job in moving the budget very quickly."

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### B. Lateral Services

1. Political officer, Tim Carney, Pretoria, requested rapid processing of a statement by South African Minister of Cooperation, Development and Education, Gerrit Viljoen, that the government was considering revision of the pass laws restricting the movement of blacks and would introduce a proposal in the next parliament; a statement Carney termed "dynamite." The editor read to him the applicable portions of a report on the statement and called back to read him the statement after it had been translated.

2. The consulate general in Cape Town requested that it be removed from lateral service packages due to communications overload. Service to Cape Town will be resumed when it again functions as the embassy when the South African parliament begins meetings in mid-December. It serves in this capacity six months of the year when the South African Government is resident in Cape Town.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

STAT Bureau technician, [redacted] received a PSI to FBN 6/4 effective  
STAT 7 July. Admin Assistant, [redacted] began work on the 15th.

#### B. Buildings and Grounds

The extension to the Portuguese monitoring room at the bureau was completed during the month. The bureau's 220vac system was rewired, with the power distribution panel relocated to the new extension. Additional emergency lighting was installed and an improved earthing grid was established for the station. Bonding of the roof sheets as protection against lightning strikes continues.

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

## SWAZILAND BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	293,690
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	13,730
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH	:	889

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	5,605	8,040	95
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)	172,680	88,730	32,280

## ANGOLA

Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese	13,410		
Luanda ANGOP in English		280	
Luanda ANGOP in French			
Luanda ANGOP in Spanish		360	

## BOTSWANA

Gaborone Domestic Service in English	7,540		
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English			

## CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe	490		
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in Ndebele to Zimbabwe			
(Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola	1,590		
(Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern and Central Africa		540	
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa			
(Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern and Central Africa			
(Clandestine) Voice of Truth in Portuguese to Angola			

## FRANCE

Paris AFP in English		90	
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## LESOTHO

Maseru Domestic Service in English	6,110		
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## LESOTHO

Maseru Domestic Service in  
seSotho

Maseru THE NATION in  
English 1,130

Maseru THE COMMET in  
English & Maseru

MOCHOCHONOCHO in  
seSotho

## MADAGASCAR

Antananarivo Domestic Service in  
French

## MALAWI

Blantyre Domestic Service in  
English 2,720

Blantyre DAILY TIMES in  
English

Blantyre MALAWI NEWS in  
English

## MAURITIUS

Port Louis Domestic Service in  
English

Port Louis Domestic Service in  
French

## MOCAMBIQUE

Maputo Domestic Service in  
Portuguese 9,370

Maputo in  
English to Southern Africa 4,110

Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in  
Portuguese

Maputo NOTICIAS in  
Portuguese 3,050

Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese

## NAMIBIA

Windhoek Domestic Service in  
Afrikaans

Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in  
Afrikaans

Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in  
English

Windhoek WINDHOEK OBSERVER in  
English

Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in  
Afrikaans

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
SOUTH AFRICA			
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	2,810		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	31,870		
Johannesburg International Service in English	7,300		
Johannesbrug Television Service in Afrikaans	4,670		
Johannesbrug Television Service in English	5,900		
Umtata Capital Radio in English	12,100		
Johannesburg SAPA in English		87,460	
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans			4,400
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English			
Johannesburg O'SECULO in Portuguese			
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans			
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English			840
Johannesburg SUNDAY STAR in English			700
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES in English			5,670
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			1,510
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			3,840
Johannesburg THE WEEKLY MAIL in English			3,240
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans			360
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	200		
Mbabane Domestic Service in Siswati	1,050		
Mbabane Television Service in English	1,020		
Mbabane Television Service in Siswati			
Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English			
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English			
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English			940

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## UNITED KINGDOM

London BBC World Service in  
English

13,730

## USSR

Moscow in  
Ndebele to ZimbabweMoscow in  
Zulu to Southern Africa

5,510

## ZAMBIA

Lusaka Domestic Service in  
English

3,940

Lusaka Voice of Namibia in  
English

800

Lusaka Voice of Freedom in  
English to Southern AfricaLusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in  
English

2,830

Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in  
EnglishLusaka ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL in  
English

## ZIMBABWE

Harare Domestic Service in  
English

33,530

Harare Domestic Service in  
Ndebele

2,910

Harare Voice of Namibia in  
English

3,770

Harare THE HERALD in  
EnglishHarare THE SUNDAY MAIL in  
EnglishHarare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in  
English